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Kirk Benjamin, Treasurer Joan Barry in Congress Committee PO Box 510525 St. Louis, MO 63151

RE: MUR 5493

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

This is in response to your letter dated September 1, 2004, which we received on that day requesting an extension until October 1, 2004, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before October 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Kim C. Stevenson, Paralegal Complaints Examination and

Legal Administration